



Discussion Questions for Week 4



From “04a – The Radical Reformation”

1. What was good and worthy of imitation in the Radical Reformation? What was bad and should be avoided? How does this apply in your life and ministry?

What did you agree with and why? Why did that stand out to you? What was good and Biblical about it that you would want to learn from it? What principles did you learn, and how can you put them into practice? Describe what was bad, and why you evaluate it to be bad? What can you learn from that negative example? And how can you avoid making similar mistakes? And how do these insights apply in your life and ministry?

2. What did you learn about change? What principles did you learn? What difference should this make?

Describe what you learned about how we should make changes? Do you agree with the types of change and speed of change done by the earlier Protestant Reformers? Or do you agree with the radical reformers that the change should have been faster and greater? Why do you hold that view? What did each side do well? What could each side have done better? What do you think was helpful or harmful in the way that the Radical Reformation responded to earlier changes? Why? Why did that stand out to you? What principles did you learn about how to decide how to bring about change, and how fast to do it? What difference will this insight make in the way that you approach and advocate for change and reformation? How will you apply this material?

From “04b – The Catholic Counter Reformation”

1. What was good and worthy of imitation in the Catholic Reformation? What was bad and should be avoided? How does this apply?

What did you notice from either the internal reformation or the reaction to the Protestants that you thought was good and true and right? And why? What was good about it? And how can you learn from and imitate the good you saw? And what did you notice that you thought was wrong or false or misguided or unwise? And why? What was bad about it? How can you learn to avoid a similar problem in your own life? In what ways do you expect to apply this insight in your life?

2. How can you reform your own group well? What principles help? How can you apply it?

What did you learn about how to respond to issues in your own group which you think need to change? What did you learn in this section that would help you be wise and effective in bringing about needed change? How can you work for needed reform well? What did you learn that would help you to be wise and effective in bringing about change? What did you learn about what to avoid doing? Describe some principles and insights you have gained, and how these will inform and change what you will do.

3. How can you respond to outsiders well? What principles help? How can you apply it?

What did you learn about how to respond to outsiders with whom you disagree? What did you learn from how the Roman Catholics responded to the Protestants? What principles can you use to respond rightly whenever you are confronted with someone who disagrees with your position? What are some good ways to respond that you should imitate? What are some bad ways you should avoid? How can you apply what you have learned?

4. What else did you learn? How does it apply?

What else did you learn from this section's material? Why is this important and relevant for your own life and ministry? And how will you put this insight into practice?